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OPENING OF SCIENCE MUSEUMS
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Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open some new Science Museums in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and location-wise; and

(c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM & CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a) to (c) : The National Council of Science Museums (NCSM), an apex body of Science Museums/Centres runs 28 Science Museums/Centres in different part of the country. This year the NCSM has set up the following Science Centres which are run by the respective State/U.T. Governments:-

1. Science Centre, Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar Islands

2. Science Centre, Aizwal, Mizoram

Further, the NCSM is developing the following Science Museums/Centres, which will be run by the respective State Governments:

1. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Dimapur, Nagaland

2. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Imphal, Manipur

3. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

4. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Shillong, Meghalaya

5. Sub-Regional Science Centre, Gangtok, Sikkim
6. Maharaja Ranjit Singh Panorama, Amritsar, Punjab

7 Kalpana Chawla Planetarium, Kurukshetra, Haryana

The NCSM has also taken up the construction of Regional Science City, Lucknow, which will be run by the NCSM itself.

The cost of each of the Sub-Regional Science Centre projects in the North-East region is Rs.2.00 crores, to be shared by Government of India and the respective State Government in the ratio of 90:10.The cost of the Regional Science City, Lucknow would be Rs.19.70 crores, which is to be shared by the Government of India and the Uttar Pradesh State Government.The Maharaja Ranjit Singh Panorama, Amritsar would cost Rs.5.00 crores and the entire cost will be borne by the Government of India.The Kalpana Chawla Planetarium would cost Rs.6.50 crores to be equally shared by the Government of India and State Government.